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SUBJ: SEATO: COURTESY CALLS BY SEATO SECGEN

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1. SEATO SECGEN CONTINUES TO QUERY ME RE HIS CALLS ON PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT, SECGEN IS ALSO MOST ANXIOUS CALL ON SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL.

2. REFTEL B ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT SECGEN PLANS ARRIVE WASHINGTON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 30. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, HE DESIRES CALLS ON USG OFFICIALS FOLLOWING DAY BEFORE DEPARTING FOR NEW YORK. IF IT WERE NECESSARY SCHEDULE SOME CALLS ON OCTOBER 2, HOWEVER, SECGEN WOULD TRAVEL TO NEW YORK THAT EVENING.

3. IN VIEW CHANGE IN COMMAND AT WHITE HOUSE SINCE LAST YEAR'S VISIT BY SECGEN, I CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT HIS MAKE BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY INFORMING THAIS THAT CHANGE IN OUR EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP WILL NOT AFFECT OUR PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS TO UPHOLD OUR SECURITY PACTS, REITERATION OF THIS BASIC POLICY TO THAI SEATO SECGEN BY PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FURTHER REINFORCE IT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT.

4. THIS SAME RATIONALE LIES BEHIND MY URGING THAT ALL ATTEMPTS BE ALSO MADE TO ARRANGE FOR CALLS ON THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THAIS ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE REGARDING PERSONAL CALLS ON FOREIGN OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE REPRESENTING THEIR MAJOR ALLY -- THE US. I, THEREFORE, PERSONALLY URGE THAT ALL EFFORTS BE MADE TO SET UP THESE CALLS REQUESTED BY THE SEATO SECGEN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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